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Benjamin Netanyahu has said that recognising the state of Palestine sends the message that "murdering Jews pays off". The Israeli Prime Minister referred to the Hamas attack on October 7th during his address to the UN General Assembly today, after France and a dozen other countries officially recognised Palestine earlier this week. Today, Benjamin Netanyahu said that he hoped for a swift victory in Gaza so that he can look forward to a future of peace and prosperity. Over 65,000 people have been killed in Gaza so far.

With the conflict in Gaza ongoing, Israel may be barred from taking part in Eurovision. Several countries are calling for Israel to be banned from this year's song contest, including Slovenia, the Netherlands and Spain. Members of the European Broadcasting Union are due to meet in early November to vote on the issue.

The country's right wing is coming out to support Nicolas Sarkozy. In a historic judgement, the former President was sentenced to five years in prison yesterday for criminal conspiracy. The President of the party Les Républicains in the Senate, Gérard Larcher has said that he has 'mounting concerns' about the 'provisional enforcement' of sentences.

Jean Castex is set to take the helm of the SNCF. Emmanuel Macron has put forward the former Prime Minister and current head of the Paris public transport network the RATP to head the national railway company.

Farmer protests have continued today, including twenty tractors parked up outside the gilded gates of the Palace of Versailles this morning. Farmers protesting against Donald Trump's trade tariffs and the free trade agreement between the European Union and Mercosur.

And finally to basketball and the French championship, the Betclic Elite is back tonight. Dijon play at home to Le Mans at 8:30 p.m. Tomorrow sees defending champions, Paris, play away to Gravelines Dunkerque, and on Sunday, Monaco play away to Portel and ASVEL will play at home to Nancy.